

**Annual Report
to the
Virginia Litter Control and Recycling
Fund Advisory Board**

**Non-Competitive Grant Program
Performance and Accounting Report**

Fiscal Year 1999 Summary Report



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Introduction

The Commonwealth of Virginia levies three taxes to support litter prevention and recycling program activities in Virginia. The three taxes are comprised of a malt beverage tax, a soft drink tax and a retail establishment fixed fee of \$15 or \$25 and are collectively referred to as the “litter taxes”. In Fiscal Year 1999 (July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999), the litter taxes generated approximately \$1,744,000. The revenues collected through these taxes are deposited in the Litter Control and Recycling Fund (Fund). The annual uses of these funds plus interest earned, as specified in legislation, are:

75% - non-competitive, no match grants to localities

20% - competitive statewide education program grants; and

5% - to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to administer the grants.

While DEQ provides for the administration of the annual grants, the guidelines for these grants are overseen by the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board (Board). The Board is appointed by the Governor and consists of five members as follows: one representative for each of the three types of entities required to pay the litter taxes, one local litter or recycling coordinator, and one member from the general public. The Board meets at least quarterly throughout the year to track the status of the Fund and the progress of the annual grant programs.

At the conclusion of each grant year, the non-competitive grant recipients must submit Performance and Accounting Reports on the activities and expenses for which the grant funds were used. The purpose of this report is to summarize the information submitted in the Performance and Accounting Reports for Fiscal Year 1999. The data contained in this report was compiled from the information submitted by the grant recipients and certified by one of their authorized agents.

Funding Summaries for Fiscal Year 1999

In Fiscal Year 1999, \$1,392,507 was awarded from the Litter Control and Recycling Fund to Virginia localities through the non-competitive grant program.

Many programs utilize other sources of funds to augment their grant award. The table below lists the Other Fund Sources and totals reported for Fiscal Year 1999.

Other Fund Sources	Fiscal Year 1999
Local Governments	\$3,307,243
Private Sector	\$ 109,909
Others	\$ 252,445
Total	\$3,669,597

In addition to grant and cash awards, a number of programs rely upon in-kind services to carry out their program activities. The next table lists the sources and total value of the in-kind services reported for Fiscal Year 1999.

Other Fund Sources	Fiscal Year 1999
Local Governments	\$ 812,729
Private Sector	\$ 454,891
Others	\$ 675,066
Total	\$1,942,686

The information above indicates that in Fiscal Year 1999, local programs matched the \$1,392,471 awarded in grant money with \$5,612,283 from other sources of funds and in-kind services. This represented a funding “match” of 403%.

Performance Summaries for Fiscal Year 1999

Staffing level

The local litter prevention and recycling programs may be operated by a single locality (city, county or town) or by a group of localities (referred to as a “cooperative program”) involving for example:

- a city and one or more counties
- a county and one or more of the incorporated towns within it
- a private, non-profit regional agency which represents two or more localities.

Most programs have at least one full or part-time employee who is typically assisted by volunteers. The table below lists the numbers of employees and hours worked as reported for Fiscal Year 1999.

Employed Staff	Fiscal Year 1999
Numbers of Employees	480
Numbers or Hours worked	261,759

Volunteers have a critical role in each program’s success. The numbers of volunteers and hours they worked in Fiscal Year 1999 are shown in the table below.

Volunteers	Fiscal Year 1999
Numbers of Volunteers	111,920
Numbers of Hours Worked	415,083

At a standard rate of \$10 per hour, the value of the service provided by volunteers during Fiscal Year 1999 was \$4,150,830.

Clean Ups

Each year, local programs sponsor a variety of clean up programs, where volunteers donate their time to clean up areas where litter is present or where illegal dumping of solid waste has occurred. The total number of clean ups and the number of participants involved in Fiscal Year 1999 are shown on the table below.

Type of Clean Up	Number of Clean Ups	Number of Participants
Community Clean Ups	2,857*	93,260*
Waterway Clean Ups	315	11,611
Indiscriminate "Dumps"	1,102	1,977
"Adopt" Clean Ups	958	28,143
Total	5,232*	135,991*

In Fiscal Year 1999, the total reported amount of litter cleaned up by non-competitive grant recipients was **193,393*** cubic yards of litter. (****NOTE: These clean-up figures/totals have been adjusted to account for a repeated error in reporting discovered during a review of the P&A reports in 2004.***)

Another type of clean up activity, the removal of inoperative vehicles, is undertaken each year by a number of local programs. For Fiscal Year 1999, the total number of inoperative vehicles removed was reported as 8,205.

Equipment Purchased

The non-competitive grant recipients reported that they purchased 155 litter/recycling containers and 467 other types of equipment in Fiscal Year 1999.

Law Enforcement

In Fiscal Year 1999, the enactment of 15 litter/recycling ordinances was reported. The number of enforcement actions (citations issued) reported last year was 2,755.

Youth Education

The majority of local programs included a youth education component. These activities include presentations and workshops in school, involvement in "ecology clubs" and other educational events such as Earth Day celebrations. Last year, the non-competitive grant recipients reported that 2,302 presentations, workshops or other educational events for young people were conducted. The total number of youth attending these activities was reported as 198,676.

Public Communications

Another component of many of the local litter and recycling programs is public communication. These activities include printed materials produced or distributed by the non-competitive grant recipients, press releases distributed, public service announcements delivered, and presentations and displays at public events. The type and total number of public communication activities reported for Fiscal Year 2000 are listed below.

Type of Communication	Number
Grantee Produced Materials	116
Other Types Materials Distributed	98
TOTAL TYPES DISTRIBUTED	214
Media Articles/Releases Distributed	3,526
Resulting Media Items	120,771
Group Activities Conducted (Workshop, Presentation, etc.)	753
Group Activity Attendance	41,236
Number of Exhibits/Outreach Events Conducted	788
Exhibits/Event Attendance	1,539,800